

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

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Environmental Protection Division

June 10, 2008

Honorable Jack R. Smith
Chairman, Fayette County
140 Stonewall Avenue
Fayetteville, GA 30214

RE: Drought Response Modification Petition

Dear Chairman Smith:

This is in response to your Drought Response Modification Petition June 3, 2008 petition requesting that you be granted a modification to the current non-statutory water use restrictions established by the State.

In considering the information you submitted with your request, I have determined that you have provided evidence sufficient to support a reasonable conclusion that water use restrictions established by the State are not necessary or appropriate to relieve or avoid a local water shortage.

Therefore, I hereby approve a Level IVc drought response modification within your service area through December 31, 2008 or as I otherwise order. Under Level IVc, all outdoor water uses are allowed on an odd/even basis, three days per week between midnight and 10:00 am. Odd addresses may water on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays; even addresses on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

However, please be aware the following outdoor water uses are still prohibited under Section 391-3-30-.04 of the Rules for Outdoor Water Use:

- Using hydrants for any purpose other than firefighting, public health, safety or flushing;
- Washing hard surfaces, such as streets, gutters, sidewalks and driveways except when necessary for public health and safety.

The following outdoor water uses are still allowed and are unaffected by the Level IVc drought response modification granted herein:

- Outdoor water uses exempt from the Drought Response Level IV outdoor watering restrictions established pursuant to Section 391-3-30-.05 of the Rules for Outdoor Water Use;
- Filling of swimming pools, without restrictions on day or time, as provided for in HB 1281 which was passed by the 2008 General Assembly and signed by Governor Perdue May 14, 2008.

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The provisions of my Order dated February 11, 2008 allowing hand watering of existing landscape for 25 minutes per day and watering of new landscape for up to 10 weeks are not applicable within your service area during the Level IVc drought response modifications approved herein.

Please note that Payette County is still within the Drought Response Level IV area. If you have questions, please visit our website www.gaepd.com and click on "*Drought and Water Use Information*" for a list of frequently asked questions or call our Drinking Water Compliance Program at 404-656-4807 or Water Withdrawal Permitting Program at 404-675-6236.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carol A. Couch', written in a cursive style.

Carol A. Couch
Director